



"He went through life bearing the load of a people's sorrow with a smiling face. As long as he lived he was the guiding star of a whole brave nation, and when he died the little children cried in the streets."

LINCOLN IN 1853.

His Characteristics as a Springfield Lawyer at That Time Are Interesting.

As the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday comes round each year it is the custom to think of him chiefly as he was during the four memorable years of the war. His greatness as then manifested is most commonly contrasted with the obscurity and uncountness of his youth—as rail-splitter, as postmaster and storekeeper. But a no less interesting comparison is that of Lincoln in his years of waiting—the years previous to 1854.

In 1853, 50 years ago, Abraham Lincoln was a Springfield lawyer of some local note as one of several leaders in Illinois whig politics. He was a man of 44 years of age; a man who, in middle life, had failed to secure any of the prizes that he really cared for. It is true that he had secured several terms in the legislature, and had even been to congress for two years. But he had achieved no especial recognition, had taken part in no important political movement, and was simply one of many in his opposition to the extension of slavery into the new states. As a campaign speaker he was already well known in the west. His droll humor, his relentless logic, his keen perception of approaching political changes, made him easily chief among the whigs. As a citizen of Springfield, he was living quietly, in an unpretentious house—which was, indeed, all that his slender means permitted—bringing up his young children. The statement sometimes heard that at Springfield he seldom attended church has recently been contradicted by a citizen of that place, who remembers that Mr. Lincoln not merely attended church regularly, but was very prompt in paying his pew rent.

This man of 44 little dreamed of what lay before him. At an age when most men, at least in the present day, are in sight of the career by which they are afterwards remembered, Lincoln was simply a plain attorney, a country lawyer, though he happened to live in a city, with some political ideas and a tremendous will waiting to be put to the strain. He was a good man, just and kindly, but as yet his moral and religious nature had not been stirred to the depths. But for 20 years and more he had been plodding away at the duties that came to him, sharpening his wits and laying up a reserve of patience, of courage, of knowledge of men, for the crisis which he knew could not be long postponed.

A year later the hour of destiny arrived, and Lincoln knew his time had come. The repeal of the Missouri compromise in 1854, and the controversy over the states of Kansas and Nebraska, brought the question of slavery itself sharply before the people of Illinois. The share which Stephen A. Douglas took in this affair on the side of "popular sovereignty," with its bearing on the extension of slavery, gave Lincoln his opportunity. In those famous debates between the tall, awkward Springfield lawyer met the brilliant and famous statesman.

Facts About Lincoln, the Man.

LINCOLN was 6 feet 4 inches tall, a fact of which he was immensely proud. Washington was 6 feet 2 inches tall, Grant 5 feet 10 inches, Napoleon 5 feet 2, Nelson, 5 feet 4.

He was swarthy as an Indian, with wiry jet black hair not easily amenable to the comb.

His eyes were bright, keen and a luminous gray in color, though his eyebrows were black, like his hair.

His face was almost grotesquely rough and square—lantern-jawed, he called himself.

During the latter part of his life Lincoln had a rough black beard. He said he let it grow to "cover up his homely features."

His figure was gaunt, slender and slightly bent.

He had very large feet and wore a No. 11 boot on his left foot and a No. 11½ on the right foot.

His laugh was delightful—a high, musical tenor.

His clothes were usually black, always loose-fitting and often in need of pressing.

When a lawyer in Illinois Lincoln wore a brown, faded hat, with the nap rubbed off.

For his short cloak he sometimes substituted a shawl.

His trousers were always too short.

He carried a faded green umbrella with "A. Lincoln" in large white cotton letters sewed on the outside.

He was always bashful with women and never particularly cared for their society.

ABOUT THATCHER'S ISLAND

Details of the Melancholy Shipwreck Which Gave the Place Its Name.

The twin lights of Thatcher's island are familiar to many who go down to the sea in ships and to many more who spend the summer months on the rocky headland of Cape Ann, but probably comparatively few are familiar with the details of the tragedy which gave the island its name, says the Boston Transcript.

It was on a long ago August—269 years ago, to be exact—that the Rev. Anthony Thatcher, his wife, four children and several other persons left Ipswich in a vessel for Marblehead, where Mr. Thatcher was to take charge of the church. They set sail on the 12th, a fair summer day, but "with a head wind and very little of it." They had a tedious time beating out of Ipswich bay and at night on the 14th had not yet succeeded in doubling the cape. A sudden, furious August storm came on in the night and the luckless craft was driven on the rocks, where she soon went to pieces.

Mr. Thatcher, after being buffeted about by the sea for a long time, was able to cling fast to a rock and climb on shore. Drenched and shivering, he walked about, vainly trying to see or hear something of his late companions. How dreary must have been that lonely vigil in the storm and darkness, while the insatiate sea thundered on the rocks about him and, like Paul under similar circumstances, he "wished for the day."

In the early dawn he saw his wife "getting herself forth from among the timber of the broken bark." He went to her assistance and she was soon safe beside him. All the others, 21 in number, perished. Among them were the Rev. John Avery, his wife and six children. The name of this unfortunate family is commemorated in "Avery's rock," a hidden reef shunned by mariners, not far from Thatcher's island.

At the time of this melancholy shipwreck there were not more than two or three families on Cape Ann and no help came for Mr. Thatcher and his wife on the first day or the second. Fortunately, some provisions washed on shore from the vessel and the weather cleared, so they could make themselves comfortable during the time of their enforced stay. They were finally taken off by a fishing vessel and carried to Marblehead. Some years later Mr. Thatcher went from Marblehead to Yarmouth, where he lived to a good old age.

Other children were born to him and his wife, by whom the name is perpetuated in various places to this day. It was more than a century later that the twin lighthouses were built. They were first lighted on December 21, 1771.

ELECTRICITY AND BREAD.

Experiments in Paris to Devise an Improved Method of Making.

The power of the electric current to decompose substances in a singular way has led to an important development of electro-chemistry. In this connection experiments have recently been made in Paris, seeking an improvement in bread making.

Laboring under the mistaken impression that the whiteness of wheat bread determines its quality—that the whiter the bread the better—the Parisian public has for years been growing more and more exacting on this score, consequently the fineness of grain flour has been gradually approaching a limit. The public has, as a consequence, received a less nutritive food, it being a known fact that the core of the wheat grain, which is the chief constituent of bread, while producing the whitest flour, at the same time contains the smallest amount of albumen and is thus least nutritious.

There has recently been raised the hope of obtaining a whiter bread by aid of electricity, for which purpose the flour was brought in contact with electrified air, whose ozone possesses efficacious bleaching properties. A report to the Academy of Sciences at Paris on the result of an experiment with flour treated in both the ordinary way and by electricity, under similar conditions, explains that the flour subjected to electric influence was much whiter in color, but that its taste and odor were far inferior to those of flour treated by the ordinary method. The amount of phosphorus was the same in both, but the quantities of fatty and acid substances varied largely. Thus, in flour treated by electricity the fatty substances proved rancid, glutinous, and of a less yellowish color, and instead of retaining their usual aromatic, yellow state, became oxidized and partly converted into white sebaceous acid, which could be dissolved in alcohol. The glutinous substances were discolored and changed.

The bread made from this flour was whiter than usual, but of inferior taste, and the experiment serves to demonstrate that electric treatment, while successfully turning flour whiter, injures it.

R. M. BARTLEMAN.

After Tea.

Tea is one of the standard stimulants of the world. It doesn't lead people to break up the furniture and dishes at home, or "whoop things up" on the public highways. It has been assumed to be an innocent drink, and it is sorrowful to know that the scientists and stomach "sharps" are after it.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Roy.

"I am at the end of my rope." So saying, the man threw away the stub of the last of his Christmas cigars.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

TO BUSY STORK—SHOO!

Human Ingenuity Raises an Obstacle to the Machinations of Fate.

The apartment houses of this age had now reached a stage of such magnificence that tenants were willing to give up all their liberties and salaries for the privilege of living in them. By edict, says the New York Sun, the prattle of children was forever barred from them.

Situated in the ultra-fashionable district was the magnificent apartment house "Race Suicide," through which the agent was showing a prospective tenant and dazzling him with the latest improvement of the Utopian age.

"Magnificent!" said the gentleman, "but your roof looks rather untidy. Why is this roof strewn with bits of broken glass and the chimneys studded with rusty nails?"

"Clever idea of mine," said the agent, naively. "That is to prevent the stork from alighting on the premises."

Being a philosopher, the Utopian said nothing, but stood gazing far into the distance where an ocean liner from the tropics was making her way up the harbor crowded to the rails with immigrants.

THERE IS JUST ONE SURE WAY

Dodd's Kidney Pills Build Up Run-Down People—They Make Healthy Kidneys and That Means Healthy People—What Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Duffey Say:

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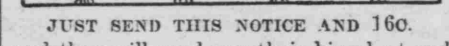
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